

Brief and Breezy.

If we are to believe his friends, Gov. Hughes has emerged from defeat without even having his whiskers ruffled.

Perhaps it is incorrect to say that John W. Gates has taken to the woods, but he has rented a forest near Paris.

The question who is the greatest American must now be left for Mr. Roosevelt and Bryan to settle between themselves.

In wearing his hair pompadour, Senator LaFollette gets the best of his enemies because they can never tell when they have scared him.

Charleston has had three times as much spring as any other American city, and no more poetry. What a happy city it must be.

We think Senator Knox stands about the same chance to become President that Mark Twain's white dress suit would stand to stay white in Pittsburg.

The King of Spain is so happy over the arrival of that boy of his, that he will, no doubt pardon the soothsayer who predicted that it would be a girl.

It must have jarred the sporting fraternity to discover that the percentage of honesty among prize fighters is no greater than among bank cashiers.

A Russian doctor assures us that riding on the cowcatcher of a locomotive will cure consumption. Being struck by an engine will cure almost any disease.

The people of Pennsylvania have called upon former Gov. Pennypacker to explain his statement that there was no graft in the furnishing of the State capitol.

A company has been organized for the manufacture of air-ships. When they get to going between this country and Europe, it will be hard to collect the tariff duties.

"It looks a little like Bryan now," says the New York Mail, "but who knows how soon Bryan will begin to talk?" Begin? Great Caesar, where have you been all this time, man?

In Des Moines, Iowa, a law suit has been started over a goat that got upon a roof and ate some of the shingles, and then craned its neck into a window and feasted on some clothing in reach. Presumably the charge is that the goat was living too high.

There has been some talk lately, of times becoming tighter, but there is absolutely no room for that talk. Wheat and cotton are soaring in price, and the trade between this country and Germany and France alone, has increased from \$590,000,000 to \$700,000,000. The prosperity we are now enjoying will probably last for ten or fifteen years without a check. We are producing enormous crops and our mines are yielding large outputs of gold and silver and other valuable minerals, all of which find a ready market. With these facts to support our prosperity, and famine in other lands, it looks as though our volume of business would make a new record this year.

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